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### **Administrator Guzman Honors State Small Business Persons of the Year Award Winners** **Top Entrepreneurs to be formally recognized on May 5 during National Small Business Week Awards Ceremony**

WASHINGTON – Today, [Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman](#), head of the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) and voice for America’s 32.5 million small businesses in President Biden’s Cabinet, announced the 2022 Small Business Persons of the Year winners from each of the nation’s 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The winners will be formally recognized on May 5 during the [National Small Business Week \(NSBW\) Virtual Summit’s Awards Ceremony](#), May 2-5. This year’s NSBW theme, “**Building a Better America Through Entrepreneurship**,” highlights the resilience, ingenuity, and creativity of these award winners who, like millions of small businesses, have navigated challenges from the pandemic and contributed to our nation’s economic comeback.

“I am delighted to recognize our National Small Business Week winners from across the country who have stepped up to build their businesses, create jobs, and power historic recovery over the past year,” **Administrator Guzman said**. “Entrepreneurs are innovators and creators at their core, delivering the products and services we depend on and making our neighborhoods, towns, and cities more vibrant places to live and work. They give their all to achieve their American dream of business ownership and, by doing so, advance America’s economy and global competitiveness. Our 2022 award winners represent the vibrancy and resiliency of our nation’s 32.5 million small businesses, and I look forward to celebrating these small business giants and the positive impact they have had on lives and livelihoods in communities all across America.”

National Small Business Week will be observed May 1-7, 2022. It will celebrate our small businesses, provide critical resources and recognize SBA partners for their support in providing startups and small business owners with counseling and advice, skills

development, disaster preparedness and recovery, as well as access to capital, government contracting, and market opportunities to start, grow and build resilient businesses.

### **About National Small Business Week**

For more than 60 years, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year. As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and others from all 50 states and U.S. territories. Every day, they're working to grow small businesses, create 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs, drive innovation, and increase America's global competitiveness.

To register for National Small Business Week and for other event information, visit [www.sba.gov/NSBW](http://www.sba.gov/NSBW).

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### **2022 State and Territory Small Business Person(s) of the Year**

<b>Alabama</b> Roland G. Brown <b>Brown Precision Inc.</b> Huntsville, AL
<b>Arizona</b> Tracey Latham <b>Latham Industries, LLC</b> Phoenix, AZ
<b>Arkansas</b> Jaim Krutz <b>Big Cuppa, LLC</b>

Morrilton, AR
<b>California</b> Hernán Luis y Prado <b>VetPowered, LLC</b> San Diego, CA
<b>Colorado</b> Dr. Jen Questen <b>Aspen Park Vet Hospital</b> Confer, CO
<b>Connecticut</b> Viron Rondos <b>Viron Rondo Osteria</b> Cheshire, CT
<b>Delaware</b> Lisa M. St. Clair <b>Tailbangers Inc.</b> Millsboro, DE
<b>District of Columbia</b> Eduardo F. Ortiz Ashleigh Tara Nicole Axios <b>Coforma, LLC</b> Washington, D.C.
<b>Florida</b> Dennis Chan <b>Blue Bamboo Canton Bistro &amp; Bar</b> Jacksonville, FL
<b>Georgia</b> Ardina T. Pierre <b>Nature's Own Herb Shop, Inc.</b> Atlanta, GA
<b>Hawaii</b>

<p>Scott E. Loomer</p> <p><b>Truss Systems Hawaii Inc.</b></p> <p>Puunene, HI</p>
<p><b>Idaho</b></p> <p>Marcella Medor</p> <p><b>MarCom, LLC</b></p> <p>Idaho Falls, ID</p>
<p><b>Illinois</b></p> <p>Chris Ginder</p> <p>Mary Ginder</p> <p><b>Gindo's Spice of Life, LLC</b></p> <p>St. Charles, IL</p>
<p><b>Indiana</b></p> <p>Donte Lamar Wilburn</p> <p><b>Premier Unlimited, LLC</b></p> <p>Lafayette, IN</p>
<p><b>Iowa</b></p> <p>Kimberly Baeth</p> <p><b>Golden Openings, Inc.</b></p> <p>Urbandale, Iowa</p>
<p><b>Kansas</b></p> <p>Daniel J. Smoots</p> <p>Janeice E. Smoots</p> <p><b>Fanestil Meats</b></p> <p>Emporia, KS</p>
<p><b>Kentucky</b></p> <p>Alejandro Ramirez</p> <p><b>Universal Spartan, LLC</b></p> <p>Vine Grove, KY</p>
<p><b>Louisiana</b></p> <p>Craig A. Stevens</p>

<b>Genesis 360 LLC</b> Baton Rouge, LA
<b>Maine</b> Tyler A. Frank <b>Garbage to Garden</b> Portland, ME
<b>Maryland</b> Tarandeep Singh Bawa <b>ITegrity, Inc.</b> Silver Spring, MD
<b>Massachusetts</b> Gregory Acerra <b>Fireking Baking Company</b> Braintree, MA
<b>Michigan</b> Tarolyn Buckles <b>Onyx Enterprises, Inc.</b> Detroit, MI
<b>Minnesota</b> Kristen Marie Denzer <b>Tierra Encantada</b> Minneapolis, MN
<b>Mississippi</b> Lesia Daniel-Hollingshead William Walter Daniel Jr. <b>Funtime Afterschool of Clinton, Inc.</b> Clinton, MS
<b>Missouri</b> Jennifer Garrett Hart <b>Hartline Construction, LLC</b> Kansas City, MO

**Montana**

Natalie R. Van Dusen

Danielle J. Newell

**Treeline Coffee Roasters**

Bozeman, MT

**Nebraska**

Taylor Korensky

Jade Jensen

Spencer Robinson

**Appsky**

Omaha, NE

**Nevada**

Andrea Vigil

**Allegiant Electric LLC**

Las Vegas, NV

**New Hampshire**

Sara B. Nadeau

**Carriage Hill Assisted Living**

Madbury, NH

**New Jersey**

Beverly Zaccherio

**Senior Solutions for the Jersey Shore LLC**

Point Pleasant, NY

**New Mexico**

Joy Colucci

**Metis Technology Solutions, Inc.**

Albuquerque, NM

**New York**

Steven Olschewski

**Clubhouse Fun Center**

Rochester, NY

**North Carolina**

Kristen M. Hess, AIA

**HH Architecture**

1100 Dresser Court

Raleigh, NC

**North Dakota**

Sylvia Lunski

**Design Direction Inc.**

Fargo, ND

**Ohio**

Laura Licursi

**Elite Virtual Assistants**

Strongsville, OH

**Oklahoma**

John Adam Oglesbee

**Warfeather, LLC**

Coweta, OK

**Oregon**

Kevin and Angie Shaw

**Brightways Counseling Group, LLC**

Redmond, OR

**Pennsylvania**

John Martincic

**Forest Scientific Corporation**

Tionesta, PA

**Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands**

Carlos Cosme Marrero

**JK Logistic Transport Inc.**

Toa Baja, PR

**Rhode Island**

Byron Sheldon Delmonico

<b>The Riddle Room, LLC</b> North Scituate, RI
<b>South Carolina</b> Ann Son <b>Holy City Linen Services</b> North Charleston, SC
<b>South Dakota</b> Karla Deann Santi <b>Blend Interactive, Inc.</b> Sioux Falls, South Dakota
<b>Tennessee</b> Robert Scott Underwood <b>Maxwell Industries, LLC</b> Athens, TN
<b>Texas</b> Denise Navarro <b>Logical Innovations, Inc.</b> Houston, TX
<b>Utah</b> Lucy Cardenas Bill Coker <b>Red Iguana</b> Salt Lake City, Utah
<b>Vermont</b> Vicky Allard Joe Hanglin <b>Blake Hill Preserves</b> Windsor, VT
<b>Virginia</b> Jeri Dee Prophet <b>Intellectechs, Inc.</b>



Virginia Beach, VA
<b>Washington</b> Efreem Fesaha <b>Boon Boona Coffee</b> Seattle, WA
<b>West Virginia</b> Jill Rae Scarbro <b>Bright Futures Learning Services</b> Winfield, WV
<b>Wisconsin</b> David Heide <b>Liliana's Restaurant</b> Fitchburg, WI
<b>Wyoming</b> Lena Dirck <b>The Aspen House Restaurant</b> Rawlins, WY

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### About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).